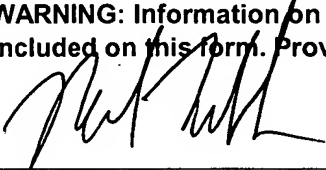


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed August 5, 2005, the applicant hereby makes the following amendment and response.

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